

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: Chairman Jon Sonju, on March 23, 2009 at 3:00
P.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jon Sonju, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bob Ebinger, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Gordon Vance, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)
Rep. Dick Barrett (D)
Rep. Tom Berry (R)
Rep. Deborah Kottel (D)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Bill Wilson (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Katie Butcher, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: Department of Justice Presentation

Executive Action: SB 249, SB 349, SB 222, SB 268
SB 283, HB 614, SB 457, SB 471

00:00:00 Call to order

Department of Justice Presentation

00:02:48 Brenda Nordlund, Acting Administrator, Motor Vehicle
Division, Department of Justice
00:13:32 Chairman Sonju
00:13:37 Brant Light, Training Coordinator, Department of
Justice
00:15:13 Chairman Sonju
00:15:25 Mr. Light
00:16:25 Chairman Sonju
00:16:43 Mr. Light
00:17:00 Rep. Ebinger
00:17:31 Mr. Light
00:19:39 Mr. Wilson
00:19:54 Mr. Light
00:21:24 Rep. Taylor
00:21:33 Mr. Light

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 249

00:22:13 **Motion:** Rep. Wilson moved that **SB 249 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:22:28 Rep. Kottel
00:25:21 Rep. Arntzen
00:25:47 Rep. Kottel
00:26:45 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division
00:27:02 Rep. Arntzen
00:27:46 Chairman Sonju
00:27:51 Rep. Wilson
00:28:00 Rep. Arntzen
00:28:55 Rep. Kottel

00:30:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-3 by roll call vote with Rep.
Ebinger, Rep. Sonju, and Rep. Vance voting no. Rep.
Kottel will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 349

00:31:52 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 349 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:32:46 Chairman Sonju
EXHIBIT(trh64a01)

00:34:41 Rep. Taylor
00:34:52 Chairman Sonju
00:34:58 Rep. Taylor
00:35:15 Ms. Weiss
00:36:55 Rep. Kottel
00:37:21 Chairman Sonju

EXHIBIT (trh64a02)

00:42:56 Rep. MacDonald
00:43:42 Chairman Sonju
00:43:57 Rep. Kottel
00:45:16 Chairman Sonju
00:46:12 Rep. Arntzen
00:46:44 Ms. Weiss
00:47:21 Chairman Sonju
00:47:33 Ms. Weiss
00:48:18 Rep. Kottel
00:48:27 Ms. Weiss

00:48:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
Rep. Sonju will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 222

00:49:54 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 222 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:50:15 Rep. Berry
00:50:47 Rep. Kottel
00:51:34 Rep. Taylor
00:52:11 Rep. Randall
00:52:29 Rep. Barrett
00:53:20 Chairman Sonju
00:53:34 Rep. Taylor
00:53:39 Rep. Arntzen
00:53:43 Rep. Berry

00:53:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Rep. Warburton will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 268

00:54:59 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 268 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:55:21 Rep. Arntzen

00:56:05 Rep. MacDonald
00:56:51 Chairman Sonju

00:57:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Berry, Rep. Randall, Rep. Sonju, Rep. Taylor, and Rep. Vance voting no. Rep. MacDonald will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 283

00:59:21 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 283 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

00:59:37 Chairman Sonju
01:00:45 Rep. Ebinger
01:00:56 Chairman Sonju
01:01:12 Rep. Arntzen
01:01:25 Chairman Sonju
01:01:40 Rep. Barrett
01:01:58 Rep. Ebinger
01:02:05 Rep. MacDonald
01:03:02 Chairman Sonju

01:03:27 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. Kottel, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Roundstone, and Rep. Wilson voting aye.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 614

01:04:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Vance moved that **HB 614 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 7-5 by voice vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Roundstone, and Rep. Wilson voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 457

01:06:15 **Motion:** Rep. Vance moved that **SB 457 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:06:42 Rep. Ebinger
01:06:49 Ms. Weiss
EXHIBIT(trh64a03)

01:07:28 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 457 BE AMENDED** (refer to exhibit 3).

01:08:45 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 457 BE AMENDED** (refer to exhibit 3).

Discussion:

01:11:07 Rep. Barrett

01:11:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
(Both amendments were addressed with one vote.)

01:11:29 **Motion:** Rep. Ebinger moved that **SB 457 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

01:11:40 **Motion:** Rep. MacDonald moved that **SB 457 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(trh64a04)

Discussion:

01:12:49 Ms. Weiss

01:14:02 Rep. Ebinger

01:14:40 Chairman Sonju

01:15:52 Ms. Weiss

01:17:05 Rep. Vance

01:17:16 Ms. Weiss

01:18:18 Rep. Taylor

01:18:46 Ms. Weiss

01:19:01 Chairman Sonju

01:19:26 Ms. Weiss

01:19:34 Chairman Sonju

01:19:44 Rep. Taylor

01:20:00 Chairman Sonju

01:20:39 Rep. MacDonald

01:21:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:21:51 **Motion:** Rep. Arntzen moved that **SB 457 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:22:49 Rep. Ebinger

01:23:39 Rep. MacDonald

01:24:23 Rep. Arntzen

01:24:57 Rep. MacDonald

01:25:14 Rep. Ebinger

01:26:16 Rep. Taylor

01:27:06 Chairman Sonju

01:27:26 Rep. Ebinger

01:28:18 Rep. Arntzen

01:29:18 Rep. MacDonald

01:30:08 Rep. Kottel

01:30:44 Rep. MacDonald

01:30:54 Ms. Weiss
01:32:07 Rep. Barrett
01:33:13 Chairman Sonju
01:33:31 Rep. MacDonald
01:34:05 Rep. Kottel

01:35:19 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. Kottel, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Roundstone, and Rep. Wilson voting aye.

01:36:00 Rep. Arntzen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 471

01:36:29 **Motion:** Rep. Barrett moved that **SB 471 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:37:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Barrett moved that **SB 471 BE AMENDED.**
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
EXHIBIT(trh64a05)

01:39:04 **Motion:** Rep. Barrett moved that **SB 471 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:40:48 Rep. Arntzen
01:41:00 Rep. Barrett
01:43:50 Rep. MacDonald
01:45:58 Rep. Taylor
01:48:14 Rep. Barrett
01:49:30 Rep. Arntzen
01:49:36 Ms. Weiss
01:50:49 Rep. Arntzen
01:51:48 Chairman Sonju

01:52:40 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Barrett, Rep. Ebinger, Rep. Kottel, Rep. MacDonald, Rep. Roundstone, and Rep. Wilson voting aye.

01:54:39 Ms. Weiss

ADJOURNMENT

01:55:30 Adjournment

Katie Butcher, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([trh64a06](#)) Maps associated with HB 614.

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([trh64aad.pdf](#))